Order Number: 02-369



ORDER STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS CARSON NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551,and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Carson National Forest, with the exception of the Jicarilla Ranger District, in the following counties, Taos and Rio Arriba, within the state of New Mexico. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove: 36 CFR § 261.52(a). The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, are allowed provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
- 2. Smoking; 36 CFR § 261.52(c).
- 3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device; 36 CRF 261.52(f)
- 4. Using an explosive; 36 CFR § 261.52(b).
- 5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine; 36 CFR 261.52 (h). All personal use firewood cutting will not be allowed until further notice.
- 6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE recommended practice J335 (b) and J350(a). 36 CFR § 261.52(j).
- 7. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame; 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
- 8. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System Roads; 36 § CFR 261.56 except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway; and except for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads. 36 CFR § 261.56.

9. Violating any state law, specifically restricted by the State of New Mexico, concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire; 36 CFR § 261.52 (k).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission, including those operating under the industrial plan.
- 2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service recreation special use authorizations, within the restricted area exempt from Restriction No. 1 above, provided such fires are within a permanent structure.

These restrictions are being implemented to protect public health and safety due to the extreme fire hazard conditions on federal lands.

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 am, Monday, May 1, 2006, and will remain in force until rescinded.

Done at Taos, New Mexico this 27th day of April 2006.

/s/ Martin D. Chavez
MARTIN D. CHAVEZ
Forest Supervisor
Carson National Forest

Corrections to this order were implemented and done in Taos, New Mexico this 22nd day of May, 2006.

/s/Kendall Clark KENDALL CLARK Assistant Forest Supervisor Carson National Forest

This order has been amended to include the Jicarilla Ranger District and becomes effective at 12:01 am, Saturday, June 17, 2006 and will remain in force until rescinded.

Done at Taos, New Mexico this 16th day of June 2006.

/s/ Kendall Clark KENDALL CLARK Forest Supervisor Carson National Forest Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both; 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.